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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement dated July 6, 2009, Applicant elects Group I (i.e., claims 1, 12, 33, 42 and 56-58).

Because a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group(s) of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under U.S.C. Section 103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to ensure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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